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1. The first five kilometers of the Botevgrad-Vratsa road has the following characteristics:

   a. Width, 15 feet; 25X1
   b. Surface, crushed stone in fair condition;
   c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet; flush; suitable for vehicles;
   d. Straight, level, no sharp bends;
   e. Open valley; cultivated fields on both sides; suitable for tanks; cover; and
   f. Suitable all vehicles.

2. Five (unnamed village-Medbin?) to 10 kilometers:

   a. Width, 15 feet;
   b. Surface, crushed stone in fair condition;
   c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet; flush; suitable for vehicles;
   d. Straight, level, no sharp bends;
   e. Open valley; cultivated fields on both sides; suitable for tanks; cover; and
   f. Suitable all vehicles.

3. 10 (unnamed village-Novachene?) to 13 kilometers:

   a. Width, 15 feet;
   b. Surface, sand on crushed stone; foundation newly repaired;
   c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet; flush; suitable for vehicles;
   d. Repairs in progress at 13 kilometers;
   e. Open valley; cultivated fields on both sides; suitable for tanks; cover; and
   f. Suitable all vehicles.

4. 13 to 16 kilometers:

   a. Width, 12 to 14 feet;
   b. Surface, crushed stone;
   c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet; flush; suitable for vehicles;
   d. Straight, level, no sharp bends;
   e. Open valley; cultivated fields on both sides; suitable for tanks; cover; and

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f. Road suitable all vehicles.

5. 16 to 18 kilometers:

a. Width, 10 to 12 feet;
b. Surface, crushed stone;
c. Shoulder, extends from one to two feet; suitable light vehicles;
d. Climbs in series of hairpin bends;
e. Scrub-covered hill; and
f. Suitable all vehicles; even in winter.

6. 18 to 20 kilometers:

a. Width, 12 to 14 feet;
b. Surface, crushed stone;
c. Shoulder, extends from one to two feet; suitable light vehicles;
d. Descends gradually; some medium bends;
e. Open valley; scrub and trees near some sections of road; and
f. Suitable all vehicles.

7. 20 to 21 kilometers:

a. Width, 12 to 14 feet;
b. Surface, crushed stone;
c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet; suitable all vehicles;
d. Climbs, one or two sharp bends;
e. Open valley; scrub and trees near some sections of road; and
f. Suitable all vehicles.

8. 21 to 27 kilometers:

a. Width, 12 to 14 feet;
b. Surface, crushed stone;
c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet; suitable all vehicles;
d. Gradual descent; winding but no hairpin bends;
e. Narrow valley, opening out over last two kilometers; and
f. Suitable all vehicles.

9. 27 (Reberkovo: N 43-07, E 23-41) to 32 kilometers:

a. Width, 12 to 14 feet;
b. Surface, crushed stone;
c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet; suitable all vehicles;
d. Gradual descent; no sharp bends;
e. Open valley; and
f. Suitable all vehicles.

10. 32 to 35 kilometers:

a. Width, 12 to 14 feet;
b. Surface, crushed stone;
c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet; suitable all vehicles;
d. Climbs away to right of river and runs along ridge; sharp bends along first kilometer;
e. Open valley; and
f. New road (earth on crushed stone: width 15 feet) from 32 kilometers to Mezdra along bottom of valley, appeared complete, but not yet open.

11. 35 (Dŭrmantsi: N 43-07, E 23-43) to 37 kilometers:

a. Width 12 to 14 feet;
b. Surface, crushed stone;
c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet; suitable all vehicles;
d. Continues along ridge before sharp descent over last kilometer to Iskŭr Bridge at Mezdra;
e. Open valley; no cover; and
f. Suitable all vehicles.

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12. 37 (Mezdra: N 43-09, E 23-43) to 38 kilometers:

a. Bridge over River Iskŭr at Mezdra; overall length: 200 to 250 feet; five arches: 40 to 50 feet; roadway: 18 feet wide; reinforced concrete arch; suitable all vehicles; no further details available;
b. Width, 18 feet;
c. Surface, paved, good condition; and
d. Shoulder, extends three feet, earth flush.

13. 38 to 46 kilometers:

a. Width, 10 to 14 feet;
b. Surface, crushed stone, fair condition;
c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet, earth flush;
d. Straight, level, few curves, level crossing (single track line) at 40 and 45 kilometers;
e. Open valley, mountains on left and low hills on right, no cover; and
f. Suitable all vehicles.

14. 46 to 51 kilometers:

a. Width, 12 feet;
b. Surface, crushed stone, fair condition;
c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet, earth flush;
d. Gentle climb, no sharp bends;
e. Open valley, mountains on left and low hills on right, no cover; and
f. Suitable all vehicles.

15. 51 to 53 kilometers (Vratsa):

a. Width, 12 feet;
b. Surface, crushed stone, fair condition;
c. Shoulder, extends from one to three feet, earth flush;
d. Levels out;
e. Open valley, mountains on left and low hills on right, no cover; and
f. Suitable all vehicles.

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